(c) if not, what steps are being taken to meet the increased demand for bar.k note paper;

(d) whether it is proposed to set up another security paper mill in the country; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI); (a) The installed capacity of Security Paper Mill for production of security and currency/bank note paper is 6000 M.T. per annum. The actual production is around 4000 M.T. per annum presently,

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to («) The excess demand is currently met by imports. Ministry of Industry has been informed of the need to instal additional capacity for domestic production to meet the growing demand.

Price chnages effected on stainless steel produced at SaJem Steel Plant

934. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be p'ieased to state the[1] number *ot* times price changes were effected d'jring the last five years on stainless steel sheets manufactured at $Sale_m$ Steel Plant and the reasons therefor in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MIN1STERY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): The prices of stainless steel sheets and coils manufactured at Salem Steel Plant, were changed about 22 times during the last five-years, i.e., from 1-4-1985 up to now.

The dates of changes and reasons therefor, in each case, ar_e given in the statement *(See* below). The price changes were necessitated because of factors like changes in excise duty, input cost, changes in the duty structure of inputs like hot bands, competition from domestic producers, imports and generally in response to market conditions. Out of 22 times, prices were reduced five times.

Statement

Dates of changes in the prices of SSP Products and the reasons

Date	Reasons
23-08-1985	. Market conditions and cost of inputs.
29-11-1985	. Prices adjusted only for 0.3/0.4 mm thickness in view of tha market conditions.
13-09-1986	. Prices decreased in most of the thicknsees in view cf the market situation.
03-06-1987	. Prices changer! for 1.6 mm by Rs. 1000/- per tonne.
10-10-1987	Market conditions.
12-11-1987	. Market conditions.
01-12-1987	. Market conditions. . Changed because of Excise duty.
01-03-1988 22-03-1988	Cost escalation and market conditions.
12-04-1988	. Cost escalation and market conditions.

Date	Reasons
02-05-1988	• Cost esclation and market conditions.
01-06-1988	. Cost escalation and market conditions.
07-06-1988	Prices changed for only 5/6 mm inline with market condition.
01-07-1988	. Prices increased only for thicknesses 0.9 mm to 3.15 mm arc! decreased for 4.5 and 6 mm.
06-07-1988	Prices changed only for 0.8 mm to adjust with other thicknesses.
18-08-1988	. Cost of inputs and other escalations in cost cf production, marketc onditions
01-09-1988	. Cost of inputs and other escalations in cost of production, market conditions.
02-12-1988	. Cost of inputs and other escalations in cost of production, market conditions.
01-03-1989	. Prices increased in view of changs in Excise duty.
03-06-1989	. Prices reduced in view of market conditions.
20-03-1990	Price increased in view of Excise change. .
10-04-1990	Prices reduced in view of market conditions.

935. *[Transferred to 24th August,* 1990]

936. *{Transferred to 24th August,* 1990]

Enquiry regarding spillage of furnace Oil from Bokar$_0$ Sice] Plant

937. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Willl the Minister of STEEL AND* MINES be pleased t_0 refer t_0 the answer to Unstarred Question 190 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd May. 1990 and state:

(a) whether 'Government have conducted an enquiry regarding the recent furnace oil spillage in the river Damodar by Bokaro Steel Plant;

Ob) if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(cl what steps Government propose to take to punish those responsible for the mishap?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MTNES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF TH$_E$ MINISTERY OF LAW AND IUSTTCE tSHRl DINESH GOSWAMI): fa) Yes. Sir. enquiry $_{Oa}$s been conducted regarding furnace oil spillage in the river Damodar on April 4-5, 1990 by a committee appointed by the Bokar$_0$ Steel Plant.

(b) The Committee found that:—

(1) Drain valves were initially not in open condition.

(.2.1 Drain valves were opened sub-sequently by some person/persons intentionally after 3-4-1990.

(3) Motive of opening of the valves in all probability, was for unauthorisedly recovering the oil from drainage system out-side the plant. Motive of defaming plant management is not borne out by evidence, though its possibility cannot b$_e$ ruled out. Sabotage to the plant as the motive was also ruled out.

(4) Certain lapses on the part of the working personnel were noticed with regard to proper recording of the oil stock in the tanks as well as the receipt and despatch of oil on regular shift basis. Had they been done properly th$_e$ leakage could